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Lt. Governor Kinder Stages Quick Deployment National Guard Force Along the Mississippi River

JEFFERSON CITY – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, in his role as acting governor, established a quick reaction force of National Guard members in Louisiana, Mo., bringing the total number of mobilized Citizen-Soldiers to approximately 400. These Guard members will be available for immediate deployment to affected communities. By nightfall on Tuesday, the Missouri National Guard anticipates having nearly 500 Guard members working in flood response activities.

"Missouri's dedicated public safety men and woman continue significant efforts to save towns from flooding. This newly deployed team of National Guard members is strategically located and well equipped with the ability to respond at the drop of a hat to the increasing needs of affected communities along the Mississippi River," Lt. Governor Kinder said.

Missouri National Guard members are currently mobilized in the communities of Clarksville, Hannibal, Canton, West Quincy, LaGrange and Alexandria assisting with sandbagging operations, levee monitoring and limited security operations. There are liaison officers working with officials in Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike and Lincoln counties.

In addition to operations in northwest Missouri, the Missouri National Guard has established liaison officers in St. Louis and St. Charles, and the counties of Jefferson, St. Genevieve and Perry in anticipation of needs on the lower Mississippi River.

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